

GERMANS SINK A BRITISH SUBMARINE

BERLIN CLAIMS BRITISH CRUISER WAS HIT BY A TORPEDO APRIL 25TH.

SAY BERLIN IS OPTIMISTIC

Developments Impending Which Demonstrate Desire of Emperor William to Retain Friendship. Public Opinion Divided.

Berlin.—The German admiralty announced that the British submarine E-22 had been sunk by German naval forces.

The announcement also says a British fish cruiser of the Arcturion class was hit by a torpedo from a German submarine.

The announcement, given out under date of April 26, follows: "The German naval forces on April 25 sank the British submarine E-22. The Germans rescued and captured two men."

"A German submarine on the same day hit with a torpedo a British cruiser of the Arcturion class."

Say Berlin Is Optimistic.

Berlin.—The German answer to the American note may not be expected before the end of the week.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and Admiral von Holtzendorff, chief of the naval general staff, departed for headquarters to consult with Emperor William in regard to the reply to the American note.

The chancellor's conference with James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, April 26, lasted for half an hour.

The Associated Press learns that developments are impending which demonstrate unmistakably the desire of Emperor William to follow a course which will lead Germany and the United States out of the present crisis. The situation is viewed more optimistically here.

Ambassador Gerard is still maintaining silence, following his latest conference with Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, but the Associated Press has been able to obtain information from other sources indicating that the outlook has improved.

Public opinion in Germany respecting the American note remains divided in two main directions.

NOT GERMAN TERRITORY

Von Papen's Former Office at 60 Wall Street Not a Branch of German Embassy.

New York.—Evidence presented before the federal grand jury investigating the alleged plot to destroy the Welland Canal established, according to federal authorities, that Capt. Franz von Papen's former office at 60 Wall street was not a branch of the German embassy when Wolfe von Igel was arrested there on April 18 and papers claimed by the German ambassador seized.

The papers now are in the custody of the department of justice in Washington, where they were sent at the request of the state department, following Ambassador von Bernstorff's demand for their return on the ground that they were seized on German territory. Attorney General Gregory insisted that the former office of Von Papen was not German territory. The state department announced that the return of the papers rested on this point.

AMBASSADOR THREATENED.

Anonymous Communication Received by Sir Cecil Spring Rice.

Washington.—The British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring Rice, has received and referred to the state department an anonymous threatening communication, declaring that any treatment of Sir Roger Casement other than due a prisoner of war of the highest rank would be a sentence of death against him "and other English servants in this country."

LEE HEADS JOURNALISTS.

Association of Newspaper Teachers Ends Meeting at Lawrence, Lawrence, Kan.—James M. Lee of New York University was elected president of the American Association of Journalism Teachers, at the closing session at University of Kansas. Will H. Mayes, University of Texas, was named vice-president, and Carl H. Getz, University of Montana, secretary. The location for next year's conference was left to the executive committee.

FRIEND OF AUTOISTS.

Georgia Man Claims He Can Cut Gasoline Price One-Third.

Washington.—Declaring he can reduce the consumption of gasoline one-third on automobiles, W. L. Bell of Athens, Ga., has filed application with the patent office for an invention for an appliance to conserve gasoline. Experts declare that the invention will partially solve the gasoline problem incident to the high cost. Mr. Bell is a nephew of Representative Bell of Georgia.

GERMAN REPLY DELAYED

American Ambassador Summoned To the Imperial Palace—Conference With Bethmann-Hollweg.

Berlin.—(Via London).—It is understood that the German reply to the American note will not be delivered before the imperial chancellor has another opportunity of conferring with the emperor.

The American ambassador was called by telephone to the imperial chancellery's palace April 24. He went immediately and held a conference with Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg.

When he came from the conference Ambassador Gerard declined to give any information as to the nature of the discussion and would not answer a question as to whether any one else was present.

Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg devoted the afternoon to conferences on the submarine question with Admiral von Holtzendorff, chief of the admiralty staff, who recently succeeded Admiral von Tirpitz. Several of the higher diplomatic officials participated.

The outcome of the present crisis depends on what President Wilson and the American government wants. The general view of the present situation as gleaned from conversations with a number of persons close to official circles is about as follows:

If President Wilson and the American government are arguing that earlier concessions by Germany have not been adhered to and insist that the submarine campaign be conducted without deviation within the limits of German assurances, and pledges in former notes, then a settlement probably can be arranged, notwithstanding what is considered the "sharp and unfriendly tone" of the American note. The pledges probably can be restated if need be and definitely reformulated, so that there can be no possibility of error or question of responsibility.

If, however, the United States insists on further limitation of the submarine war against commerce, then there appears to be little chance of agreement for a satisfactory settlement and it is considered that a breach of diplomatic relations, if it should come, would in all probability be only a temporary status and would develop into an actual state of war.

AMERICANS LEAVE GERMANY

Many Are Convinced That Rupture Between the Two Nations Is Inevitable.

Geneva (via Paris).—With the German newspapers taking a more serious view of the German-American situation, Americans are fleeing from Germany, and a number have already arrived at Basel. All are convinced that rupture between the two nations is inevitable.

The German papers now apparently regard a rupture as certain. They say the Kaiser is expected to return to Berlin from general headquarters. In the meantime the fleeing American refugees, attempting to quit Germany by way of Switzerland are encountering difficulties. Many of them are reported held up at Constance, the Baden frontier having been closed since Monday.

STEEL EARNINGS BIG.

Usual Quarterly Dividend of 1 1/4 Per Cent. Declared.

New York.—The United States Steel Corporation declared its usual quarterly dividend on the common stock of 1 1/4 per cent.

The total earnings of the corporation for the quarter ended March 31, last, were \$69,713,624, according to the quarterly report.

This breaks all records of previous earnings.

TAFT FAVORS WITHDRAWAL.

Says Punitive Expedition Into Mexico Has Accomplished Purpose.

LaCrosse, Wis.—That the administration's punitive expedition into Mexico has served its purpose and should be withdrawn immediately without fear on the part of the administration of political criticism, was the statement by former President Taft.

Mr. Taft said that he believes the presidential race is between Justice Hughes, Burton of Ohio, and Root of New York.

National Missionary Congress.

Washington.—Hundreds of delegates gathered here for the session of the National Missionary Congress, held under the auspices of the laymen's missionary movement. The congress continued through May 1.

President Wilson attended. James M. Speers of New York, chairman of the executive committee of the laymen's missionary movement, presided. William B. Millar of New York, general secretary, reported on the years and outlined a program for the future and outlined a program for the future.

Battle in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati.—During a pistol battle in the business district here Patrolman Robbins was shot and killed, a pawnbroker named Katz was probably fatally shot, an unidentified man, accused by the police of doing the shooting, was probably fatally wounded by Detective Wegemer. The police say Katz was shot when the man attempted to hold up the pawnbroker in his shop; that the man opened fire when Robbins hurried to Katz's assistance and Wegemer, seeing his fellow officer fall, immediately shot the man.

MARTIAL LAW FOR WHOLE OF IRELAND

REVOLT WHICH BROKE OUT IN DUBLIN HAS SPREAD TO SOUTH AND WEST.

GEN. MAXWELL IN COMMAND

He Recently Commanded the Troops in Egypt—Has Been Given Full Disciplinary Powers for Extension of Operations.

London.—Martial law has been declared throughout Ireland and Major-General Sir John Maxwell, who until recently commanded the troops in Egypt, has gone over to take charge. He has been given full disciplinary powers for the extension of the operations and the suppression of the rebellion.

The revolt, which broke out in Dublin April 24, has spread to other parts of Ireland, chiefly to the west and south. This information, together with the fact that the rebels are still in possession of parts of Dublin, was given to the nation by the ministers in parliament on the 27th.

Premier Asquith, who had given reassuring news respecting the situation, caused a flutter of anxiety by his statement in the house of commons announcing the spread of the movement to other parts of Ireland, the retention by the revolutionary forces of certain parts of Dublin and the fact that fighting was still going on in the streets.

The government, the prime minister announced, was convinced that the forces now in Ireland and those proceeding there were adequate to deal with the situation.

John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalist party, and Sir Edward Carson, the Unionist leader, strong opponents on the home rule question, expressed their detestation of the rising and, as a consequence, Premier Asquith said he did not think it necessary to hold a session of the house May 2, as had been suggested by one of the members, "to make clear to the world what true amount of support was behind the movement."

ACTIVE SEARCH FOR VILLA

Detachments Search Mountains North and West of Parral, Where Bandit Is Reported.

Columbus, N. M.—Two Americans were killed and three wounded in an engagement between cavalymen under Col. Dodd and 260 Villa bandits at Tomachilo, in the center of the Sierra Madre, in Western Chihuahua, April 22, according to an official report reaching here.

Several detachments of American troops have resumed active pursuit of Villa and are whipping the mountains north and west of Parral, where the bandit chief is reported in hiding.

The advanced base, 300 miles south of the border, is now completely equipped, trainload after trainload of motor trucks having arrived here within the last ten days, bringing rations, clothing and equipment.

TO MEET AT BORDER TOWN

Conference Between Major-Gen. Scott, Chief of Staff of American Army, and Gen. Obregon.

Washington.—Further developments in the pursuit of Villa and the relations between the United States and the de facto government of Mexico now await personal discussion of these subjects by the senior military advisers of the two governments.

A conference between Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the American army, and Gen. Alvaro Obregon, minister of war of the de facto government, was arranged to take place probably in Juarez this week. Gen. Scott is now in San Antonio, Texas, and Gen. Obregon is thought to be already on his way north from Mexico City.

Defines Ship Attitude.

Washington.—A statement defining the attitude of the United States toward armed merchant ships was made public by the state department by direction of President Wilson. It originally was prepared as a circular note to other powers. But it later was decided to issue it as a statement. The statement holds the right of a merchant ship to arm for protection only, but declares that "merchantsmen which have used their armaments for aggressive purposes are not entitled to the same hospitality in neutral ports as peaceable armed merchantmen."

Warned By Consul To Leave.

El Paso.—Disturbing reports were received here from many points in Northern and Central Mexico regarding the anti-American feeling among the people. The most serious referred to towns in Durango, especially Durango City, where American residents have been warned repeatedly by United States Consul Conn to leave. As far as can be learned here, there are not more than a dozen Americans still in Durango City, the majority having married into Mexican families.

IN CHARGE OF THE CAPITAL

British Regulars From Belfast and England Occupy Dublin—Drastic Steps to Stop Movement.

London.—British regulars from Belfast and England are in Dublin and have recaptured from the revolutionary faction several important centers which the members of the Sinn Fein party and their adherents had occupied. These include St. Stephen's Green and Liberty Hall.

Martial law has been proclaimed in the city and county of Dublin and the official announcement is made that drastic steps are being taken to suppress the movement and arrest those responsible for it.

That the government intends to deal with the offenders with a heavy hand is indicated by the publication of a proclamation in the official gazette suspending in Ireland section 1 of the defense of the real amendment act of 1915, which gives to a British subject charged with an offense under the act the right to be tried by a civil court.

The proclamation recites that "the present state of affairs in Ireland is such as to constitute a special military emergency" as specified in subsection 7 of the act, which enacts that in the event of an invasion or other special military emergency arising out of the present war the operation of section 1 may be suspended either generally or in a specified area.

SITUATION WELL IN HAND

Sinn Fein Society Casualties Heavy. Dublin Is the Scene of Serious Fights.

London.—Dublin has been the scene of serious fighting between members of the Sinn Fein Society and regular troops re-enforced by loyal volunteers. The loyalists lost about a dozen men killed and 19 wounded. The casualties of the rioters have not been ascertained. Many of the disturbers were arrested.

The trouble started at noon Monday in the center of Dublin, when a mob seized the Stephens's Green, a large park near the Royal University, the postoffice, where the telegraph and telephone wires were cut, and houses in various parts of the town.

The troops from the Curragh and Loyal Volunteers were hastily summoned and fighting between them and the mob began almost immediately.

The first announcement of the trouble was made in the house of commons by Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, who said that the situation was well in hand, but that communication with Dublin was still difficult.

The only details surrounding the situation are the meager ones contained in the official announcement, but government officials expressed the opinion that with Sir Roger Casement and two of his aides in prison in London, the troops were in control.

REVOLT IS SERIOUS.

Irish Troubles Said To Have Been Fanned in United States.

New York.—The revolt in Ireland far exceeds in extent the admissions of the British government, according to information reported to have been received in Irish circles here. A force of 10,000 rebels is opposing authorities in Dublin and neighboring Irish counties. It is asserted.

The reports had it that John MacNeill, leader of the Irish volunteers and editor of their official organ, the Irish Volunteer, has been shot.

The activities of Sir Roger Casement were partly financed by Irish-Americans, who contributed more than \$100,000 to the cause, according to Jeremiah A. O'Leary, director of the United Irish Societies of this city and president of the American Truth Society.

PATTEN DIES IN CHICAGO

President of Chattanooga Firm Attending Trial of Libel Suits in Chicago Passes Away.

Chicago.—John A. Patten, president of the Chattanooga Medicine Company, Chattanooga, died at a local hospital on April 26 after a short illness.

Mr. Patten was here in attendance at the trial of libel suits which he and Z. C. Patten, Jr., owners of the medicine company, had brought against the American Medical Association, for alleged libel in connection with articles published in the medical association journal.

The cause of Mr. Patten's death was poisoning through an ulcer in the intestines. He was taken ill, on the 25th and was hurried to a hospital, where it was said an operation offered the only hope of saving his life.

The operation was performed and death occurred shortly afterward.

Twenty-Four Thousand Quit Work.

Pittsburgh.—Twenty-four thousand miners employed in the Pittsburgh district were ordered out of the mines by President Van Bitter and the executive board of District No. 5, United Mine Workers of America, because their pay envelopes did not contain the five per cent increase provided for in the New York agreement. Representatives of operators and men expressed the belief that the difference would be adjusted within a week.

GREENWOOD HIGH WINS FIELD EVENTS

VARIED CONTESTS ALSO DECIDED AT MISSISSIPPI A. & M. COLLEGE.

DEATH OF COLONEL WOOD

Well Known Editor and Lawyer, of Starkville, Taken Suddenly Ill, Death Following in a Short Time—Mississippi News.

Starkville.—What probably was the most original and unique state high school rally ever held in any state, and the largest ever held in Mississippi, was staged by the Mississippi A. & M. college last week.

The distinctive features of this meet were the practical contests in stock judging, wood working, poultry, sewing, cooking and canning, agronomy, agricultural engineering and other industrial branches, which, so far as the authorities have been able to ascertain, are the first tests of this nature ever conducted in a high school meet. Schools from all parts of Mississippi were well represented, over 300 contestants being entered for the various events, besides the visitors who thronged the college grounds.

In the field and athletic events Greenwood high school won, taking a total of 23 points; Meridian high school won second, with 19, and Hattiesburg high school won third place with 17. The championship school received a silver-mounted shield, the trophy which they must defend for the next two years, the shield going permanently to the high school winning three successive years.

Individual winners were presented with gold medals, while second and third place men were given silver and bronze medals. In the literary and industrial contests, James V. Bowen, chairman, reports the following schools as winners in the meet:

For the county agricultural high schools, Yazoo County A. H. S. took first place with 22 points, and Sunflower County A. H. S. second, with 16 points.

Among the town high schools, Franklin Academy of Columbus was first, with 13 points, and Starkville high school second, with 9 points.

COL. T. J. WOOD DIES.

Had Long Record as Lawyer and Editor in Mississippi.

Starkville.—The sudden death of Col. Thomas J. Wood, editor of the Starkville News, was a shock to the people of this city, county and state. He was apparently in good health when he retired, but next morning when he awoke he found his room to notify him about breakfast, he found him very ill.

Before a physician arrived he had breathed his last. Col. Wood was prominently known all over Mississippi and other states, having practiced law for upwards of 40 years and for the past years was a journalist.

He was a Mason, Odd Fellow and a member of the Rebekkas and the Mississippi Press association.

Every available space in the First Presbyterian church was occupied and many stood outside at the funeral services. Dr. T. C. Weir, one of the oldest ministers of the North Mississippi Methodist conference invoked the divine blessing, followed by Rev. T. H. Lipscomb of the Methodist church, who read the resurrection.

SHEEP AND CATTLE DROWN.

Coast Farmer Estimates Loss From Storm at \$25,000.

Biloxi.—The loss to the farmers of Jackson and Harrison counties as a result of the flood of April 20 will amount to at least \$25,000, according to Joseph Hosli, a Tchoutacabouffa river farmer who is the first man to reach here since the flood cut away all communications with Back Bay points.

Hosli states that probably 5,000 sheep and cattle were lost within a radius of 20 miles of Biloxi in Harrison and Jackson counties. Thousands of hogs and chickens were drowned.

Corn Outlook Good.

Gulfport.—According to County Farm Agent D. A. McCandless, the prospects for a successful season for the boys' corn and pig clubs of Harrison county are better this year than any year in the history of the movement.

In the corn clubs there are enrolled 100 boys, an increase of about 50 per cent over last year. The boys are planting "prairie" seed for the most part. Mr. McCandless is making arrangements to sell all the surplus corn the boys will grow.

Howard Wright Killed.

Tupelo, Miss.—At his home near Shannon, Howard Wright was killed in the field while plowing with a young mule. In attempting to unfasten a trace, the mule kicked him over the head and death soon followed. Deceased was a young man, highly esteemed by all who knew him for his many excellent qualities of mind and heart. He was sober, industrious and honorable in all his dealing and his untimely death is mourned by a large circle of friends. He leaves a wife and children.

EASTERN STAR HAS BIG ATTENDANCE

TENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF MISSISSIPPI AT COLUMBUS.

HOLD TWO-DAY SESSION

Grand Patron Yawn, of Lumberton, and Mrs. Annie Buckner, of Tupelo, Worthy Grand Matron, Presided—State News Notes.

Columbus.—The tenth annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, Order of the Eastern Star, convened here April 25 following a formal welcoming session at the First Baptist Church. The sessions of the grand chapter were held at the Masonic Temple, Hon. H. C. Yawn of Lumberton, grand patron, and Mrs. Annie Buckner of Tupelo, worthy grand matron, presided.

The attendance this year is record-breaking, nearly 500 delegates from the 110 chapters in the state being present.

At the First Baptist Church the formal welcoming session was held. John F. Frierson, on behalf of the Columbus Lodge of Masons, welcomed the visitors. Mrs. Ada McClanahan, worthy matron of the local chapter, extended greetings and welcome for the chapter over which she presides. Mrs. Bertha Scales of Starkville, acting grand matron, responded to the addresses of welcome. The invocation was rendered by Rev. J. L. Vipperman, and Rev. W. S. Slack pronounced the benediction.

The closing session of the grand chapter was scheduled for Wednesday night, at which time the newly elected officers were formally installed.

Natchez was selected as the next point of amalgamation by the grand chapter, which closed its tenth annual session here.

ACCIDENT AT NEW ALBANY

Head-On Collision Between Passenger and Freight Trains—Accident at New Albany.

New Albany.—In a head-on collision between northbound passenger train No. 4 and a southbound freight on the Frisco railroad here, the lives of both engineers and firemen were saved when they leaped a second before the engines crashed. Conductor C. C. Medley on the passenger train, was the only person seriously injured.

Both trains came together within three blocks of the city depot. The engineers became aware of the impending collision in time to slow both trains down considerably.

Quick action probably saved the lives of scores on the passenger train. Conductor Medley was cut about the head and body by flying glass.

Misunderstood signals is believed to have caused the two trains to be on the same track. Both engines were demolished, but no cars overturned.

YOUNG ATTORNEY KILLED

Harry Stokes, Counsel in Nashville Ouster Litigation, Is Shot—Deceased Native of Mississippi.

Nashville, Tenn.—Harry S. Stokes, counsel for the citizens and taxpayers in the ouster litigation in Nashville, who created a nationwide fame in connection with the disruption in the capital during the past year, was shot and killed April 26, in his offices, by Attorney C. C. Trabue, counsel for the city administration. Stokes died instantly, two shots taking effect.

Harry Shelby Stokes was born in Como, Miss., Sept. 29, 1877, and was the son of James F. and Blanche McGhee Stokes.

MANY WOMEN PRESENT.

Meridian Presbytery Held Three-Day Session at Hattiesburg.

Hattiesburg.—The fourth annual meet of the Meridian Presbytery convened in a three days' conference here on April 28 at the Main Street Presbyterian Church. More than 100 women were present. The officers are: Mrs. George D. Booth of Laurel, president; Mrs. C. S. Everts of Gulfport, vice president; Miss Erlene White of Meridian, secretary, and Mrs. J. O. Bolton of Hattiesburg, treasurer. Among the prominent visitors were Mrs. Willis Syderstericker of Columbus, president of the Mississippi synodical, which includes five presbyteries, and Dr. J. S. Nesbit, missionary to Korea. The visitors were the guest of the two Presbyterian churches of this city.

DR. LANCASTER RESIGNS.

President Belhaven Institute Will Re-Enter Active Ministerial Field.

Jackson.—Rev. Dr. R. V. Lancaster, who has served as president of Belhaven Collegiate Institute since its founding several years ago by the Presbyterian Synod of Mississippi, has tendered his resignation, to become effective at the close of the present scholastic year. Announcement to this effect was made by W. Calvin Wells, president of the board of trustees.